

## **ASBMR Grants in Aid Program (GAP) Awards Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) (as of 4/2/14)**

### **1. Will you extend the GAP application deadline?**

No, the application deadline is 11:59 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2014. The only exception is system failure of the online grant submission site. In this case, the problem should be brought to staff attention prior to the deadline. Staff will work with applicants to resolve the situation.

### **2. Human and/or Animal approvals are not ready by the application deadline, what should I do?**

If Human/Animal Approvals are pending, the applicant can still apply for the grant. The applicant should:

- Note in the grant application that the “human and/or animal approvals are pending”
- Submit the approvals as soon as possible. If the applicant should win the grant award, funds will not be dispersed until these approvals have been submitted.

### **3. How do I submit an application?**

- The ASBMR Grant Center is available at: <http://www.asbmr.org/apps/grants/Default.aspx>. You must login with your member login and password to submit an application. Only active ASBMR members can submit an application.
- If you do not know your username or password, contact the ASBMR office via email ([asbmr@asbmr.org](mailto:asbmr@asbmr.org)) or phone (+1-202-367-1161).

### **4. What do you consider a major funding source?**

A major research funding source gives significant funding annually to researchers. This can be any governmental funding agency, non-profit organization or other source, as determined by the ASBMR GAP Awards Committee.

### **5. If I applied for the ASBMR GAP Award in the first cycle, can I reapply in this next cycle with the same grant? Or a new grant?**

If you apply for the ASBMR GAP award and do not win an award in your first attempt, you cannot submit the same grant in subsequent cycles. However, if the grant is changed significantly (>51%), you can submit it in a subsequent cycle. You can also submit a different grant in future award cycles.

### **6. How many grants can I submit?**

You can only submit one grant per ASBMR GAP Award cycle.

### **7. As a young investigator, will my ASBMR GAP Award application be competing with applications from senior scientists?**

The GAP Awards will be reviewed based on the scientific merit of the research, the feasibility of how the \$50,000 in resources would be used to advance the full research proposal and whether or not the applicant has shown that he or she has the resources, support, skills and expertise needed to move the research forward. The final priority will be based on the quality of the science.

**8. How many awards will be given?**

A total of twenty (20) awards will be given. Seven (7) awards were issued in the first round, leaving thirteen (13) remaining awards to be given in multiple cycles in 2014.

**9. Can I use this award for salary only?**

The funds from the GAP Award should be used to develop the research and strengthen the proposal for future funding. If your application can make a strong case for why covering salary only will develop the research and strengthen the proposal, you should develop the budget accordingly.

**10. Is the limit of \$250,000 USD (or equivalent) in other support a per-year limit or a total funding limit? Is it for just the project that I'm proposing for the GAP Award, or all funding?**

To be eligible for the ASBMR GAP Award, the PI must not exceed \$250,000 USD (or equivalent) in total funding, including funding unrelated to the project proposed for the ASBMR GAP Award.

**11. What Grants are eligible?**

Any grant that was peer-reviewed and received a score and/or critique (if a score is not provided), but was not funded is eligible.

**12. I just joined the ASBMR this month; can I apply for a GAP Award?**

Yes. You must be an ASBMR member, with dues paid for the current year, at the time of application, and remain a member throughout the duration of the award.

**13. Can I use the funds to support a consultant or the salary of an assistant?**

Yes. The funds from the ASBMR GAP Award may be used for a consultant or the salary of an assistant if they will be involved with developing the research and strengthening the proposal for future funding.

**14. I only received an email (or statement) telling me that I would not be funded. Is this acceptable?**

Yes. If scores or reviewer comments were provided, they should be submitted. However, if you did not receive scores or reviewer comments, you should provide a letter from your funding source indicating that the grant was reviewed but not funded. If you only received an email, this is sufficient.

**15. Can I use the funds for travel, hotel and other expenses to learn a technique at a different facility to strengthen my skill and expertise? This will strengthen my resubmission. Do I need to have comments from the funding source indicating this will help?**

The funds from the GAP Award should be used to develop the research and strengthen the proposal for future funding. If your application makes a strong case for why travelling to learn a new technique or skill will strengthen your application for funding, you should develop the budget accordingly.

**16. My research area is in aging, or muscle biology. Can I still submit an application?**

Research areas that could be submitted to an ASBMR Annual Meeting [abstract category](#) are eligible for application.

**17. When will the funding period start?**

Once you acknowledge acceptance of the award you will be asked to provide the start and end date for the research. This must be a 12 month period. The research should start within 3 months of the award announcement.

**18. My colleague and I were co-PIs on an NIH R01 application. I already have an R01 and more than \$250,000 in total funding, so I cannot apply for the ASBMR GAP Award. Can my colleague apply for the ASBMR GAP Award?**

Yes. As long as your colleague was listed as a PI on the initial grant application and has less than \$250,000 in total funding, he/she is eligible to apply for the ASBMR GAP Award.

**19. I previously received an ASBMR Bridge Grant. Am I eligible to apply for the ASBMR GAP Award?**

Yes. Bridge Grant recipients can apply for the ASBMR GAP Award.

**20. My original grant application was submitted in December, 2012. Can the 15 month limit for prior applications be extended so that I can submit an application for the ASBMR Grants in Aid Program?**

No. The original grant application must have been submitted within 15 months of the GAP application date, or January 7, 2013.

**21. I have applied for a research grant at DOD and received a score and comments but was not funded. I want to apply for the GAP award to expand my research to submit a new grant to the DOD, because resubmissions are not allowed. Am I eligible to apply for a GAP Award?**

Yes, if your initial grant was peer-reviewed you can apply for the GAP Award with the intention of submitting a new grant to DOD.